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M. J. BROWN, EDITOR

Plenty of time yet. Find a different kind of a plank and kick in.

Plenty of candidates for the house, but few for the senate. It is in the air that there isn't going to be any senate.

The legislator who will cause to be erased from the state's payroll the greatest number of names will be the headliner and shining light of Oregon.

They say the stand pat friends of Congressman Hawley are sending out the "C. O. D." signal and that if Hollister is nominated they know our big business representative has the fight of his life on.

W. S. U'Ren has been chosen on the executive board of the National Voters' League—a place that every man can't get. This place is chosen from men and women with brains and ability.

Ex-Senator Bourne will not be a candidate before the primaries. That insures the nomination to Lane County—Eugene Guard.

And this is all it does insure or come anywhere near insuring.

F. J. Denney, of Jefferson, a native son of Oregon, was visiting in the city and looking up old acquaintances last week. Mr. Denney lived near Hillsboro years ago, and is well known in western Oregon. He is farming on an extensive scale at Jefferson.

"Mr. Chairman, I believe the time has come when it is the duty of Congress to pass a resolution or law prohibiting army officers from making and publishing statements reflecting upon the efficiency of our army or upon our preparedness for war. (Applause.)—Hon. Kenneth McKeller of Tennessee, speaking in Congress, taken from congressional record.

The way to stop drinking is to stop it. In the same way that China stopped the opium business by prohibiting its cultivation or importation. He says we have made a great success of not leaving arsenic, strychnine, typhoid germs lying around to destroy our children. Treat John Barleycorn the same way. Stop him. Don't let him lie around licensed and legal to pounce upon our youth.—Jack London.

Now, the truth of the matter is that, if any district in Oregon was ever so badly misrepresented at the national capital as the first district is at the present time, we should like to have the particulars pointed out. Furthermore, it would be more interesting to have some ardent supporter of Mr. Hawley point out a single reason why he should be re-elected. Wishing to be absolutely fair, we ask for just one, lone reason. Who will give it?—Salem Messenger.

Last year, so the report of the state insurance commission gives it out, above \$4,000,000 was paid out in Oregon for life insurance premiums, while less than \$1,000,000 came back in death losses. If Oregon operated its own insurance, as Wisconsin does, there would have been a credit balance of \$3,000,000—half the sum the last legislature appropriated. But the man who advocates state insurance will at once be called "a damned Socialist."

The Canby Irrigator concludes an editorial in favor of a road bond issue thusly:
We believe that when the average voter comes to think the matter over in a fair-minded way, he or the majority of him, or her, will surely vote in favor of the issue.
Perhaps a majority of he, him or her will vote for road bonds, but from the way the wind is blowing there won't be enough of average him or hers.
That President Wilson will appoint ex-President Taft to the next vacancy on the United States supreme court, seems to be definite, and Wilson in so doing will make a dangerous blunder. Taft is a down and out. His reputation by the American voters was a national record. His judicial opinions and expressions have made him hated by millions. It doesn't seem possible Wilson could take him on now.

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PROBLEMS

Some weeks ago the Courier had a comment on working conditions that would probably follow the opening of the Panama canal, and stated that probably 300,000 people would come to California, Oregon and Washington from Europe.

Several exchanges poked fun at this estimate and stated it was a dream, etc.

Here is one paragraph from an article in the Oakland, Cal., Tribune: Authentic information is at hand which tells of over a quarter of a million of one-way tickets to California, already sold upon the installment plan in Europe.

This quarter of a million, according to the Panama canal, and stated fornia alone, how many come to Portland and Seattle is to be seen.

As the Courier has repeated, if these people had means to buy farms and develop the waste land of the coast, their coming would fill a big need.

But will they have the means, or will they be the class to swell the idle armies and lengthen the bread lines?
As a rule the Europeans who come here are those who hope to escape poverty and oppression. Given help to get hold of land, at least half of them make fully good in a few years. The other half flock to the cities as job hunters.

Varying as the story is correct, and that paper states the information is from steamship managers and reliable, 250,000 people will land on the coast within a few months.

They will be entire strangers to our country and standard of living. Very few will be able to speak our language. The great majority will have far too little means to purchase our high priced land.

So they will be work seekers in a country that has far too many men for the present jobs.
They will work for less than the American standard wage because their standard of living is less.

They will lower wages and bring on labor troubles.
If there could be some means provided whereby these Europeans could be helped to get onto the land, and the price of the land lowered to the proportion of what it would produce and the market price of the products, then the immigration to this coast would look more like a benefit than a menace.
But if these people have to earn enough to get a start on the land, then there is big trouble in store, for Americans cannot and will not compete in a European wage standard on the Pacific coast.

THE OTHER SIDE?

There has been much comment in the papers over the published stories from Portland that of the hundreds of men idle in Portland only a few accepted the offer of steady work on the Cascade locks at \$1.50 a day.

An attorney from Portland was in the Courier office this week and he presented the other side.

He said out of this \$1.50 per day the men must furnish 75 cents per day for board and furnish their own bedding; that at this season of the year four days are the average for out of door work days, and that at the end of seven days the workman would have 75 cents left.

This is the other side of the story. How many of these men could have furnished their bedding to start with, and how many could feel like a real patriotic American citizen on less wages than an office boy or girl clerk gets, and have 75 cents left at the end of a week?

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GUESSES

If both the primary and general elections should be held next week W. S. U'Ren would be elected governor of Oregon. This, at least seems to be the consensus of opinion of the "politically wise" in the state; and their reasoning is based upon the following conclusions. Of course the primaries are not going to be held next week, and much may happen before then to upset the "dopesters," but the campaign to date is said to shape up something like this.

Two strong candidates for the Republican nomination are Grant B. Dimick and Robert L. Stevens. Stevens is making one of the quietest yet most efficient campaigns ever waged in the state of Oregon, and is piling up a following that is surprising both his friends and his enemies. Dimick is also working like a Trojan, and is building up an army of supporters that would make him a formidable rival were it not for one thing—and that one thing is George C. Brownell.

The dopesters have it that Brownell is solely in the race against Mr. Hawley, and they believe that his violent prohibition declarations will be just sufficient to enable him to spoil Dimick's chances. So they have it figured that Stevens will be the Republican nominee.

On the Democratic side the political weather forecasters see either one of two things—Manning gaining the nomination by a narrow margin, or Manning and Smith destroying each other, and leaving a weak democrat to carry the standard.

U'Ren, of course, will easily get an independent nomination. That makes the field narrow down to Stevens on the Republican side, Manning or a no-descript on the Democratic side, and U'Ren as the third racer. With U'Ren the only "prohibition" candidate of any strength, the dopesters see him polling the big vote at the final election, having his own following, the major part of the "prohi" vote, the enemies of Stevens and Manning and probably the forces that are controlled by Brownell.

That is the way it looks at present—and all of the spectators are wondering if late developments in the primary campaign will change matters very much.

Possibilities of a simon-pure prohibition candidate being sprung are not taken into consideration by the dopesters as they figure it that the "dry" will not care to weaken their chances by splitting the universally conceded large "dry" vote that can be centered on U'Ren.

"JUSTICE (?)"
A real hot one, hidden away on the inside pages of the Portland Journal, was sprung by Circuit Judge Gatens before the Lents Grange Saturday of last week when he said:

The Oregon supreme court is a disgrace to the state and most of the judges of the bench should resign.
Judge Gatens referred to the action of that body in permitting the degenerates found guilty by jury in the Y. M. C. A. scandal about a year ago to escape punishment.

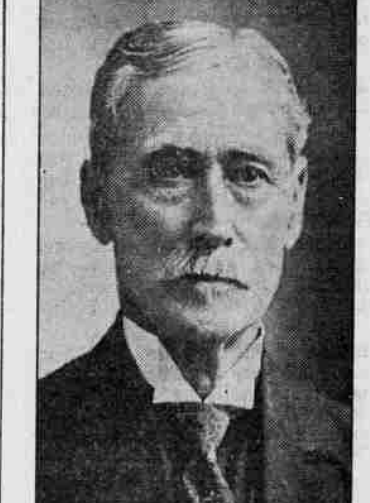
Judges McBride, Aiken and McNary protested against letting these two men, Dr. Start and McAllister

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JAMES K. PARDEE.
George Washington.
(The following was written by Bonnie Jones, a ten-year-old boy).
"George Washington was a little boy. He had a hatchet for a toy.
He thought he'd try his hatchet fine. When he was a little boy of nine,
He started into chop the tree, And chopped away right merrily. His father came and said, "My son, For mercy sakes what have you done?"
"Oh papa dear," he made reply, "You know I cannot tell a lie."
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DANGEROUS

It is to be sincerely hoped the next legislature will pass a law that will call the count on the vile cigarette in Oregon.
Iowa is one of the states where it is a crime to sell a cigarette or give away or sell a cigarette paper—and you don't see cigarette smoking in that state. Oregon should follow.
Constable Jack Frost correctly states the habit is becoming almost a menace. The inhalation of the smoke from these doped and ready made "paper things" is heart weakening and nerve destroying, and the reform school at Salem shows 90 per cent of the boys were cigarette smokers.
China provides the death penalty for any person who grows, imports or sells opium.
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